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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CT

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CAR PURCHASE OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT

REF: BANGUI 330 NDJAMENA 541

1. LOCAL SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED INFORMATION N'DJAMENA
REFTEL THAT GOCAR PURCHASED TWO SOVIET AIRCRAFT; ONE
CARGO MODEL AN-26 AND ONE PASSENGER MODEL AN-24 PROBABLY TO
BE VIP CONFIGURED. BANGUI REFTEL CITED AIRCRAFT MIS-
TAKENLY AS AH-26 BASED ON REPORT IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER
WHICH ONLY MENTIONED PURCHASE OF CQRGQ MODEL.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GOCAR PAID 175 MILLION CFA
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DOWN (\$833,000 WHEN \$-1 EQUALED 210 CFA). PAYMENT

CAME AT TIME WHEN FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER FOUCARDE
ARRANGING 2 BILLION CFA (\$9,526,809) LOAN TO HELP
GOCAR THROUGH CURRENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. FOURCADE
WHO WAS IN BANGUI FOR SECOND FRANCO/AFRICAN CHEIFS OF STATE SUMMIT,
REPORTEDLY FURIOUS WITH GOCAR FOR INCURRING SOVIET OBLIGATION.

3. THIS IS SECOND TIME IN LAST FEW MONTHS THAT GOCAR
HAS PURCHASED SOVIET EQUIPMENT USING FUNDS PROVIDED

BY FRANCE IN COURSE OF BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE. FRENCH
PIQUE HOWEVER APPARENTLY HAD NO OVERT EFFECT ON
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO
CAR MARCH 5-8.

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